

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following amended paragraph:

There is described a rigid or semi-rigid container assembly 10 (110) for the packaging of food products. The container assembly 10 (110) comprises a support 20 (120) and a frame 30 (130). Support 20 (120) comprises an outwardly extending peripheral flange 21 (121) which is shaped to cooperate with frame 30 (130) so that the frame can be snap-fit closed onto support 20 (120). The rim 32 (132) of frame 30 (130) extends only over a fraction of flange 21 (121) leaving part 22 (122) of the flange and the central part (5, 105) of support 20 (120) uncovered.

~~Also described is a method of packaging a food product and a package obtained by sealing a thermoplastic film 60 on the rim 32 (132) of frame 30 (130) and on part 22 (122) of the flange of support 20 (120) not covered by the rim 32 (132) of the frame 30 (130), wherein the film forms a first seal 61 with the rim 32 (132) of the frame 30 (130) and a second seal 62 with part 22 (122) of the flange of support 20 (120) not covered by the rim 32 (132) of the frame 30 (130).~~